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U.S. CHARGES JOHN A. GOTTI, TWO GAMBINO SOLDIERS
AND A GAMBINO ASSOCIATE IN RACKETEERING INDICTMENT

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and PASQUALE D'AMURO, the Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office of the FBI, announced today the unsealing of an Indictment in Manhattan federal court charging four defendants, including JOHN A. GOTTI, a Capo who formerly exercised the authority of an Acting Boss, two Soldiers, and one associate of the Gambino Organized Crime Family of La Cosa Nostra ("LCN"), with wide-ranging racketeering crimes and other offenses, including murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to commit murder, kidnaping, conspiracy to kidnap, conspiracy to commit securities fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, extortion, loansharking and illegal gambling.

JOHN A. GOTTI, a/k/a "John, Jr.," a/k/a "Junior," was, at various times relevant to the Indictment, a Soldier, a Capo, and a

member of the ruling panel of the Gambino Organized Crime Family. In April 1992, GOTTI's father, John J. Gotti, who was then the Boss of the Gambino Family, was convicted of racketeering and other offenses and subsequently received a sentence of life imprisonment. Following his father's incarceration in December 1990 in connection with those racketeering charges, GOTTI assumed a supervisory role within the Gambino Family's Administration, exercising the authority equivalent to that of an Acting Boss of the Family.

Prior to and after his father's conviction, GOTTI also held the rank of Capo within the Gambino Family, supervising and profiting from the illegal activities of the Soldiers and associates in his crew. Even after GOTTI himself was convicted of racketeering offenses in April 1999, and while he was serving a sentence of imprisonment, GOTTI continued to hold the official position of Capo, while exercising authority through a fellow Gambino member serving as an Acting Capo of GOTTI's crew. In addition, it is alleged that, notwithstanding his incarceration, GOTTI continued to participate in the affairs of the Gambino Organized Crime Family by, among other things, meeting with associates of the Family, discussing Gambino Family business, and sending messages and instructions from prison to other members and associates of the Gambino Family.

The Indictment charges that GOTTI engaged in a widespread pattern of racketeering, including the attempted murder of Curtis

Sliwa, two additional murder conspiracies, securities fraud, extortion, and loansharking.

Also charged in the Indictment is JOSEPH D'ANGELO, a/k/a "Little Joey," a/k/a "Joey D." D'ANGELO was at times relevant to the Indictment an associate and Soldier in the Gambino Organized Crime Family. The Indictment charges that D'ANGELO engaged in a pattern of racketeering that included his participation in a murder, a separate murder conspiracy, securities fraud, extortion, loansharking, and the operation of an illegal gambling business.

MICHAEL YANNOTTI, a/k/a "Mikey Y," is also charged in the Indictment. YANNOTTI was at various times relevant to the Indictment an associate and a Soldier in the Gambino Organized Crime Family. YANNOTTI is charged in the Indictment with engaging in a pattern of racketeering that included his participation in two murders, two additional attempted murders, and loansharking.

LOUIS MARIANI, a/k/a "Louie Black," also charged in the Indictment, is an associate of the Gambino Organized Crime Family. MARIANI is charged in the Indictment with participating in securities fraud, extortion and loansharking.

The Indictment charges 11 separate acts of racketeering activity in two racketeering ("RICO") counts, including, among other crimes, the attempted murder of Curtis Sliwa, the murders of Robert Arena and Thomas Maranga, and the murder of Edward Garofalo.

More specifically, GOTTI, D'ANGELO and YANNOTTI are charged with conspiring to kidnap and murder, kidnaping, and then attempting to murder Curtis Sliwa, the founder of the Guardian Angels, who sustained multiple gunshot wounds during an attack on June 19, 1992.

According to press reports, in the early morning of June 19, 1992, Sliwa, who had been publicly outspoken in his criticism of organized crime figures generally, and of John J. Gotti, GOTTI's father, specifically, hailed a cab to drive him to work. Shortly after the cab driver pulled away from Sliwa's block, Sliwa looked up to see a second man pop up from the front seat. This man, who was wearing a cap and had covered much of his face with a bandana, was pointing a handgun at Sliwa. According to press reports, the gunman shot Sliwa multiple times in the torso and legs before Sliwa was able to escape from the cab.

The Indictment also charges YANNOTTI with conspiring to murder Robert Arena, and with the murders of Arena and Thomas Maranga. According to press reports, in the early morning hours of January 26, 1996, Arena and Maranga were shot dozens of times and were killed as they sat in a car in the Mill Basin area of Brooklyn. In addition, the Indictment charges D'ANGELO with participating in a conspiracy to murder, and the murder of, Edward

Garofalo. According to press reports, on or about August 8, 1990, Garofalo was shot and killed outside of his home in Brooklyn.

The Indictment also includes charges of conspiracy to commit securities fraud, securities fraud, mail fraud, wire fraud, and extortion.

If convicted of the charges in the Indictment unsealed today, D'ANGELO and YANNOTTI face life imprisonment. GOTTI and MARIANI each face 130 years in prison if convicted.

D'ANGELO and YANNOTTI were arrested last night, and MARIANI was arrested today, in connection with the charges in the Indictment. GOTTI is currently serving a sentence from a prior racketeering conviction in the Southern District of New York, and, accordingly, will be brought by the United States Marshal's Service to this District to face the charges in the Indictment. D'ANGELO, YANNOTTI, and MARIANI are scheduled to be arraigned at 3:30 p.m. today in Manhattan federal court, before United States District Judge SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN.

Mr. KELLEY praised the efforts of the FBI in this investigation and said that the investigation is continuing. In addition, Mr. KELLEY thanked the New York City Police Department for its assistance in this investigation.

Assistant United States Attorneys MICHAEL G. McGOVERN,
JOON H. KIM and JENNIFER G. RODGERS are in charge of the
prosecution.

The charges contained in the Indictment are merely
accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and
until proven guilty.

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